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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: LONDON 7760

1. IN AN UNUSALLY CHIPPER MOOD FOR A LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL, CHARLES REISCHLING, CHIEF OF MFA ECONOMIC SECTION, EXUDED CONFIDENCE OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF A MUTUALLY SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME IN THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS. REISCHLING SAID, "WE SHALL COME TO AN END IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE."

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2. REISCHLING MAINTAINED THAT AS A RESULT OF A LUXEMBOURG INITIATIVE FIRST MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR MALMGREN AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RENNER DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG, COUCIL HAD MOVED OFF DEAD CENTER IN ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS BY AGREEMENT ALLOWING COMMISSION TO EXPLORE INFORMALLY TERMS OF SETTLEMENT WITH US. ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMMISSION IS ON VERGE OF ADDING SEVEN OR EIGHT SUPPLEMENTARY CONCESSIONS IN INDUSTRY AND 20 CONCESSIONS IN AGRICULTURE TO EC OFFER LIST. AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS WILL DEFINITELY INCLUDE A GENEROUS TOBACCO OFFER.

3. EC WILL ALSO OFFER TO FOLD GRAIN NEGOTIATIONS INTO MTN. THEY WILL GIVE SPECIFIC ASSURANCES TO NEGOTIATE ON THE SUBJECT.

4. THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK OF 113 COMMITTEE AT WHICH TIME AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED ON CLEAR STATMENT OF NEW CONCEPT.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR INCLUSION OF LUXEMBOURG ON MALGREM AND RENNER'S ITINERARY WHICH WAS FIRST TIME LUXEMBOURG HAD BEEN VISITED BY HIGH-LEVEL POLICY GROUP IN RECENT YEARS. WE HOPE THAT, AS A RESULT OF VALUE DEMONSTRATED BY THIS EVENT, LUXEMBOURG WILL BE INCLUDED ON OTHER MISSIONS BOTH IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FIELD.
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